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**Amendments to the Specification**

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on line 25 of page 15 as follows:

Suitable binder-fibers and structures which include such binder-fibers are disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/034,079 entitled TARGETED BONDING FIBERS FOR STABILIZED ABSORBENT STRUCTURES by F. Abuto et al., which was filed on December 20, 2001 (attorney docket No. 15,708A); in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/034,021 entitled ABSORBENT STRUCTURES HAVING LOW MELTING FIBERS by J. Workman et al., which was filed on December 20, 2001 (attorney docket No. 15,708B); and in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/033,860 entitled TARGETED ON-LINE STABILIZED ABSORBENT STRUCTURES by F. Abuto et al., which was filed on December 20, 2001 (attorney docket No. 17,527). The entire disclosures of these documents are incorporated herein by reference in a manner that is consistent herewith.

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